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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY,
ARIZONA GAS DIVISION, FOR A HEARING TO
DETERMINE THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS
PROPERTIES FOR RATEMAKING PURPOSES,
TO FIX A JUST AND REASONABLE RATE OF
RETURN THEREON, AND TO APPROVE RATE
SCHEDULES DESIGNED TO PROVIDE SUCH
RATE OF RETURN.

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CITIZENS' MOTION TO
SUSPEND

On August 6, 2002, Citizens Communications Company, Arizona Gas Division ("Citizens" or "Company") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application for an increase in rates. On November 8, 2002, a Procedural Order was issued setting a hearing in this matter for June 24, 2003 and setting dates for filing testimony.

On October 29, 2002, Citizens entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement with UniSource Energy Corporation ("UniSource") in which UniSource agreed to purchase Citizens' gas utility business in the State of Arizona. Despite this asset purchase, Citizens and UniSource want the gas rate case to be processed as expeditiously as possible. However, in early or mid-December, UniSource and Citizens will file an application for approval of this asset sale. In order for the parties to have time to review the asset sale application and consider its impact on this gas case, Citizens respectfully requests that the case be temporarily suspended and that a procedural hearing be scheduled for January 15, 2003, to address the future schedule for the gas rate case in light of the asset purchase transaction. Despite this temporary suspension, Citizens will continue to respond to data requests and UniSource will evaluate the pending Citizens'

1 rate case filings and include in its mid-December filing its position on the gas rate case.
2 During the temporary suspension, Citizens and UniSource encourage the other parties to
3 this case to continue their analysis because Citizens and UniSource anticipate that in
4 large part the Citizens' rate case application and testimony will be adopted by UniSource
5 and that the testimony filing dates in the November 8, 2002 Procedural Order will still
6 need to be met.

7 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 20th day of November, 2002.

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